

ASSEMBLY FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL

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TECHNICAL FIELD

This invention relates to an assembly employed to provide information about an individual, components of the assembly being worn on the individual's clothing. The invention is applicable, for example, to provide information relating to a
10 lost child.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The arrangement disclosed and claimed herein has particular, although not exclusive, application to providing information relating to a lost child. As will be seen below, the
15 invention includes an assembly incorporating components which are attached temporarily to the individual's clothing which provides information concerning a child or other individual.

The assembly is sold as a unit and components thereof may be quickly utilized to provide a secure repository of
20 information pertaining to a child or other wearer. The invention has application in certain instances for use by adults; for example, the components of the assembly may be worn by a victim of Alzheimer's disease and used by others to identify such an

individual as well as provide other pertinent information.

A search conducted relative to this invention located the following United States patent documents: U.S. Patent No. 6,170,665, issued January 9, 2001, U.S. Patent No. 6,315,206, issued November 13, 2001, U.S. Patent No. 6,244,431, issued June 12, 2001, U.S. Patent No. 5,283,093, issued February 1, 1994, U.S. Patent No. 5,269,564, issued December 14, 1993, U.S. Patent No. 5,377,836, issued January 3, 1995, U.S. Patent No. 4,930,234, issued June 5, 1990, U.S. Patent No. 5,700,037, issued December 23, 1997, U.S. Patent No. 4,389,801, issued June 28, 1983, U.S. Patent No. 5,765,875, issued June 16, 1998, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2003/0066777, Published April 10, 2003 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2002/0100797, Published August 1, 2002.

The above-identified patent publications do not teach or suggest the combination of structural components incorporated in the assembly disclosed and claimed herein.

DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to an assembly which is in unitary form and which can be reconfigured to provide an arrangement which can be worn by an individual to provide information concerning the individual. As indicated above, the invention has particular application to providing information about a lost child, however other applications are possible also.

The invention is an assembly of unitary construction for providing information about an individual. The assembly incorporates an envelope including a front envelope panel and a rear envelope panel attached to the front envelope panel. The front envelope panel and the rear envelope panel define an envelope interior and an envelope opening communicating with the envelope interior. The rear envelope panel has a back surface with adhesive thereon.

The assembly also includes a double-sided information sheet releasably adhesively connected at one side thereof to the rear envelope panel by the adhesive on the back surface of the rear envelope panel. The other side of the information sheet has a surface for providing textual information relating to the individual.

The information sheet is manually removable from the adhesive on the back surface of the rear envelope panel and insertable into the envelope interior. The adhesive on the back surface of the rear envelope panel is exposed upon removal of the information sheet from the rear envelope panel, enabling the adhesive on the back surface of the rear envelope panel to adhesively secure the envelope to the individual's clothing.

Other features, advantages and objects of the present invention will become apparent with reference to the following description and accompanying drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a front, perspective view of a unitary assembly constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention prior to use;

5 Fig. 2 is a rear, perspective view of the unitary assembly shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the unitary assembly, a person writing information about an individual on an information sheet located at the back of the unitary assembly;

10 Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but illustrating the information sheet being removed from adhesive releasably securing the information sheet to the other components of the unitary assembly;

15 Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the information sheet removed and in partially folded condition;

Fig. 6 illustrates the assembly without the information sheet in the process of being adhesively secured to an individual's clothing;

20 Fig. 7 is a perspective view showing the information sheet being positioned in an envelope of the assembly after the envelope has been adhesively secured to the individual's clothing;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view illustrating a front envelope panel having adhesive on a back side thereof in the

process of being pulled away from a supplemental sheet of the assembly, the supplemental sheet also being shown by dash lines after it has been removed from the assembly; and

Fig. 9 illustrates the final step of securing the assembly envelope to a wearer's clothing after removal of the supplemental sheet.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

Referring now to the drawings, a unitary assembly constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention is shown in its entirety and in the condition it is in prior to use in Figs. 1 - 3.

The assembly includes an envelope 10 having a front envelope panel 12 and a rear envelope panel 14, the latter being covered by an adhesive 16 as shown in Fig. 4 on the back surface thereof. The rear envelope panel of the assembly is completely covered by a double-sided information sheet or card 18 having a fold line 20. The information sheet has an outer surface for providing textual information relating to a child or other individual who will be wearing components of the assembly during use.

Fig. 3 shows an individual writing the information on the information sheet. Information may for example include telephone numbers, medical or special needs, etc. In the event that the wearer is a child it may be advisable not to put the

child's name or address on the card. The information sheet or card may have preprinted instructions regarding its use. That is, the textual information provided may be both printed and written.

5 After the information sheet or card is filled out as desired, it is manually removed from the adhesive 16 on the back surface of the rear envelope panel as shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 5 shows the sheet removed and partially folded about fold line 20.

10 The adhesive 16 on the back surface of the rear envelope panel is exposed upon removal of the information sheet. This enables the adhesive on the back surface of the rear envelope panel to be utilized to adhesively secure the envelope to the child or other wearer's clothing. Fig. 6 shows the assembly without the information sheet or card 18 in the process
15 of being placed into engagement with the clothing to bring the adhesive 16 in contact therewith.

20 The opening to the envelope interior is located at the top end of the rear envelope panel 14 as shown by the dash line 22 in Fig. 7. The height of the front envelope panel 12 is somewhat greater than the height of rear envelope panel 14 whereby the front envelope panel includes a front envelope panel portion 24 extending above the envelope opening and above the top end of the rear envelope panel.

As can be seen with reference to Fig. 8, the front envelope panel portion 24 has a back surface covered with adhesive 26. Adhesive 26 adhesively secures a double-sided supplemental sheet 30 to the front envelope panel portion 24.

5 The supplemental sheet 30 is to be retained by the parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child or other wearer and may provide instructions about what to do in the event a child or other wearer becomes lost as well as locations thereon on which reminders, such as descriptions of the child's clothing
10 may be written.

In Fig. 7 the supplemental sheet 30 is still in place. The folded information sheet or card 18 is inserted into the envelope through opening 22, the opening 22 being disposed along an imaginary straight line extending between the opposed side
15 edges of the envelope and between the top end and bottom end thereof.

After the information sheet 18 has been inserted in the envelope and the supplemental sheet 30 removed from the assembly in the manner shown in Fig. 8, the adhesive on the back surface
20 of the front envelope panel portion 24 is exposed and the front envelope panel portion 24 is pressed against the wearer's clothing so that the adhesive 26 secures the top of the envelope in place to close the envelope and prevent the information sheet 18 from being dislodged from the envelope until opening thereof

to obtain information on the card 18 is desired.

Preferably, at least the envelope front panel is opaque, being formed for example of opaque plastic sheeting, and has printed matter thereon alerting an observer to the fact that an information sheet is within the envelope.

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